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FINISHING TOUCHES — Last-minute preparations on Amigos Internacionales, mobile medical and dental clinic bound for the Rio Grande Valley, characterized the final week of remodeling on the 54-passenger school bus. Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union as a summer mission project, many local people lent a hand in the construction. Working on the plumbing for a bathroom at the rear of the bus are, left to right, Rayford Waller, Dr. Charles Whiteside, and John LaNoue Sr., area BSU director and coordinator for the project.

Moderate Damage

Stormy Weather Hits Five States

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tornadoes and thunderstorms ripped through the nation's mid-section Friday night and Saturday morning, scattering moderate damage through five states in the central plains.

Few injuries were reported and damage was light as severe weather lashed portions of the Central Plains for the sixth consecutive night.

A twister struck Hickman, Neb., 16 miles south of Lincoln, and left three persons injured and two houses wrecked. Four farms were damaged near Bruning, Neb., and low areas in the eastern part of the state were flooded after three nights of heavy rain.

Tornadoes and heavy rains caused damage to buildings and flash flooding in northern Kansas and northwest Missouri. A dozen farms were hit by twisters near Downs, Beloit and Concordia in north central Kansas.

Wind gusts up to 118 miles an hour whipped Concordia, Kan., where an airport hangar and homes were unroofed. More than 5 inches of rain fell at Concordia in three hours.

Minor damage from tornadoes also was reported at Alton, Kan., and Springfield, Neb. Other twisters were sighted in southeast Iowa and northwest Missouri.

Golf ball-size hail fell 100 miles west of Oklahoma City and 65 miles southwest of Lincoln, Neb.

In other parts of the nation showers hit from northern New England across the southern Great Lakes to the central Rockies. Showers fell in the northern Rockies and in Florida.

Heavy rainfall was confined to the Central Plains with several areas registering more than one inch in an hour.

Palestine Man Dies in Wreck On Highway 42

James Cozart, Rt. 4, Palestine, was killed Friday at 7:45 p.m. when the 1955 Plymouth which he was driving ran off of Highway 42, four and one-half miles north of Kilgore.

Mr. Cozart was pronounced dead on arrival at Roy H. Laird Memorial Hospital.

C. W. Welch, investigating highway patrolman, said that Mr. Cozart was traveling north at a high rate of speed when he failed to make a curve. The driver was alone in the automobile, which rolled over three times before stopping in Sabine River backwater.

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Mobilized Goodwill

Clinic-in-a-Bus Leaves Kilgore For Valley Tour

By KELLYN ROZIER

At a time when most school buses are being stored away for the summer, one such vehicle is just beginning its tour of duty. The unusual bus, outfitted as a mobile medical and denfal clinic, left Kilgore Friday morning for the Rio Grande valley and a summer of service to the towns and villages along the border.

Bearing its title, "Amigos Internacionales," on the side, the clinic, which will be operated by the Baptist Student Union during the summer, was driven to Dallas and Fort Worth Friday and then on to Harlingen by John LaNoue Sr., East Texas area Baptist Student Union director.

The clinic will offer free medical service, including dental work, innoculations and vaccinations to the people along the border. Classes will also be conducted in medical and dental hygiene.

In the fall, the project will be taken over by the Brotherhood Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas so that the migrant workers who return to the Valley in the winter may be reached.

"WHAT STARTED as a summer mission project has turned into a year-round ministry of indefinite length," said Mr. LaNoue, who was coordinator for outfitting and renovating the bus.

The project actually began in October, 1966, at the Baptist Student Union Convention when the statewide BSU group chose for a mission project the sponsoring of a medical missions team to be sent to the Valley. In discussing the project with physicians, Mr. LaNoue discovered that it would take almost a complete day just to pack, move, and relocate a medical team in another village or mission point. If the team moved 10 or 20 times in one summer, that many days of working time would be lost. It was at this point that Mr. LaNoue began thinking of a mobile clinic.

After hearing about the project, a student at Baylor Dental College in Dallas, Tom David, applied for the medical team, and a dentist in Fort Worth, Dr. Dan White, became interested in the undertaking. The three men began corresponding, and the planning stage of the project was underway.

MR. LaNOUE found a bus for sale in Tatum for $650. The Direct Missions Department of the Baptist General Convention had already given $400 to the project, but that was $250 short of the purchase price. Then, on the day that the bus was to be sold to another customer, a check arrived — for $250 — from Cecil Worley, a businessman in Beaumont.

"It is remarkable," said Mr. LaNoue, "how the money and supplies have come in for this project at just the time that they are needed. This is the way it has been all along."

Renovation of the bus was begun with another gift of $250 from Sagamore Hill Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Other gifts — $1, $5, $20 — continued to arrive as the needs became apparent.

The clinic will begin at Harlingen, working with the students at the Valley Baptist Academy there, and then it will move to other mission points in the area. Eventually the mobile unit will work its way up the Rio Grande Valley to El Paso.

DURING THE summer months, a Vacation Bible School team made up of eight selected students, five of them bilingual, will precede the clinic. The school, an annual project of the Baptist Student Union, will be held one day at each point, and then on the second day, the clinic will arrive, park beside the Vacation Bible School, and begin to work with the students, their parents and the needy people of the area.

While the patients are waiting in line to receive medical attention, testimonials given by the doctors and nurses, translated into Spanish and recorded, will be played. Each evening evangelistic movies will be shown in Spanish. Spanish tracts have also been acquired to distribute to the people.

In addition to Tom David and the eight students who will conduct the Bible school, two student nurses from Parkland Hospital in Dallas will also accompany the clinic.

Local churches along the way will provide lodging and transportation for the workers.

THE 54-PASSENGER bus, painted white and bright yellow, has been completely air conditioned. Divided into two sections, the front portion is used for the dental clinic, and the rear half is used for medical examination. The bus is equipped with a hot water heater, a Butane refrigerator, a stove, two lavatories and a sink. A bathroom has been installed in the back of the bus.

The dental area is equipped with a dental chair, dental cabinets, a dental light, a vacuum service, and a dental air motor, or high speed drill. The medical section has an examination table.

The bus also contains an air compressor, and it has a self-contained water supply, a built-in septic tank, and its own power plant for electricity.

A tarpaulin is connected to the side of the bus as shade for the Bible school classes, and a movie projector is also set up in the bus.

Dr. Kerfoot P. Walker, a native of Harlingen who is presently a diagnostician in Tyler, has been coordinator of the medical enlistment and supplies. Dr. White has supervised the dental scheduling, enlisted dentists, and helped to acquire the dental supplies. And Tom David will serve as field coordinator as the clinic begins its work in the Valley.

Doctors and dentists from across the state are volunteering to spend one week each in taking care of the medical and dental responsibilities of the clinic. Eleven dentists and five doctors have already indicated that they will work on the project.

SERVICE, financial aid and supplies have been received from a variety of sources. After the idea began to take shape, "word was passed around, and help began to come in from almost everywhere," said Mr. LaNoue. "Dr. Morris Ford and his congregation at the First Baptist Church in Longview are one group that did a tremendous job for us."

The medical supplies are being donated by individuals and drug companies. Dr. J. F. Cash on Jr. contributed a full set of dental surgical tools, and the medical examination table was given by Drs. M. K. Crawley and R. B. Kobelt. The dental chair was loaned to the project by Blakely Electric Co. of Fort Worth.

"We could certainly use a new chair," said Mr. LaNoue. "The one we now have is supposed to be placed in a Fort Worth museum after we finish with it, so it is obviously quite old."

The floor covering was donated to the project by Bill Hanks, and Dayton Walkup contributed the hot water heater.

ALL OF THE remodeling and construction work on the bus was done by local volunteers, working in the LaNoues' back yard at 3416 Duncan. They completely remodeled the bus in less than two weeks. Those who did manual labor include Dr. Charles Whiteside, Rayford Waller, Leslie DeBrock, Steve Woodfin, Paul Hare, Paul Franks, Robnie Jones, Jerry Allen and E. A. Avant, all of Kilgore; Al Richardson and Bob Cain of Longview; Clifford Hare of New London; and the wives of all the men.

Baptist women in the area have been collecting supplies, such as napkins, kleenex, paper towels, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

"ONE OF the greatest blessings of the entire project," said Mr. LaNoue, "is that laymen have had a chance to use their abilities in a direct way for the work of God."

Each doctor or dentist who works in the clinic will use his own tools, and the clinical laboratory work will be sent back to Kilgore to Dr. Whiteside, Kilgore College chemistry instructor, who has an analytical lab set up in his back yard.

Mr. LaNoue, who is Baptist Student Union director at four area colleges, will remain in the Valley with the bus for three days "to see that everything gets started all right." He'll return again in two weeks to check the facilities, and then he'll make a final trip to the Valley at the end of the summer to make any necessary repairs on the bus.

VACUUM INSTALLED — John LaNoue Sr., Rayford Waller, and Dr. Charles Whiteside, left to right, discuss alternative methods for installing a dental air vacuum service in the mobile dental and medical clinic. The mission unit left Friday for Harlingen, where it will begin its journey up the Rio Grande River to El Paso, giving free medical and dental service in the villages and missions along the way.

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YOUR HEALTH

By DR. M. R. BLANCHARD

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Wildcatters Make it 13-13

AUSTIN (AP) — Wildcatters logged 13 gas and 13 oil discoveries the past week, the Texas Railroad Commission reported Saturday.

The commission also said 107 oil and 57 gas wells were completed during the week, raising the year's totals to 2,806 and 1,217, respectively. Comparable totals a year ago were 3,317 oil and 827 gas well completions.

Three oil wildcats were in Dist. 8, two each in Dists. 7-B, 7-C and 9-A, and one each in Dist. 2, 3, 4 and 9. Four gas discoveries each were in Dists. 2 and 7-B, three in Dist. 4 and two in Dist. 7-C.

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